GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:250
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2001
FUNCTIONING OF HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to delays in project clearance and other issues related with fuel supply, many of the thermal and hydro power projects are running behind schedule ranging upto 20 years incurring heavy cost escalation of over 87%;

(b) if so, whether prospects of sustained industrial growth has adversely affected due to acute power shortage and many multinational companies are hesitant to start their operations in India;

(c) if so, whether the Government have constituted any committee for fixing responsibility for the time and cost over-runs in power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : At present 4 hydro-electric schemes and 14 thermal projects are under examination in CEA. The list of these projects is annexed. Approval to projects cannot be given in the absence of adequate inputs and delays in approvals are not the only reason for time and cost overruns. There are other reasons like non-availability of fuel linkage, law and order problems, tie-up with financial institutions, non-availability of escrow cover due to poor financial position of SEBs etc.

(b) : The Government is not aware of any such report.

(c) & (d) : The Government have set up a Standing Committee under theChairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power with a representative each from Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) as well as Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to examine the reasons for time and cost overruns and for fixation of responsibility of various sanctioned and on-going projects.

ANNEXE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 250 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.02.2001 REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF HYDRO POWER PROJECTS

S.No. Name of the Project/State Capacity (MW)

1. Dhamwari Sunda HEP (Himachal Pradesh) 2x35

2. Uhl HEP St. III (Himachal Pradesh) 2x50

3. Ramgarh CCGT St. II (Rajasthan) 71

4. Jawaharpur TPP (Uttar Pradesh) 2x400

5. Dhuvaran Gas PP (Gujarat) 107.238
6. Raigarh CCPP (Madhya Pradesh) 343.48

7 Jhabua CCGT (Madhya Pradesh) 360

8. Matnar HEP (Madhya Pradesh) 60

9. Sanjay Gandhi TPS Extn. (Madhya Pradesh) 500
10. Naniangud CCPP (Karnataka) 96.7
11 Hassan CCPP (Karnataka) 189
12. Telgi (Bijapur) TPP (Karnataka) 350

13. Kozhikode Heavy fuel DGPP (Kerala) 128
14. Srimushnam Lignite TPP (Tamil Nadu) 250
15. Kovilkalappal CCPP (Tamil Nadu) 107.88
16. Kahalgaon STPP St. II (Bihar) 2x660
17. Mejia TPS Extn. Unit 4 (DVC) (W.B.) 210
18. Kolodyne HEP St. I (Mizoram) 120